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TO : Deputy Director of Training (General)

FROM : Chief, Orientation and Briefing Division

SUBJECT: Report for Week 5-11 February 1953

DATE: 12 February 1953

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

## I. INDOCTRINATION

1. On Monday, 9 February, 72 new persons attended the Indoctrination Course.

(Audience Evaluation: Considering the number of "rejects" in our personnel procurement program, the problems of security and the difficulty in telling our story on the outside, we should be gratified at the caliber of persons still coming through the Indoctrination Course. It bodes well for future strength of our Agency.)

## II. ORIENTATION

1. Many last-minute unanticipated problems arose, as they always do, regarding the Ninth Orientation Course. The worst of these was the withdrawal of the Department of Agriculture Auditorium so that it might be used by the Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Arthur Thatcher, Director of the Office of Plant and Operations of the U.S.D.A., was able to convince the Secretary's office that this should not be done.

2. On Monday afternoon, 9 February, this Division, together with individuals from TSS, held a "dry run" at the Department of Agriculture Auditorium. This trial undertaking has always proved of great advantage.

3. On Thursday, 5 February, met with the Vice President of the United States in his office. During this meeting, which lasted about one hour, he asked many questions and took pages of notes on items that would be appropriate for his contribution to our Orientation Course.

4. Through the efforts of the Director of Training, we succeeded in getting [redacted] from ONE to replace [redacted] in covering the subject of the Soviet Intelligence System.

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**III. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Mr. Edward Saunders, the Comptroller, has stated that his material is in "good shape" for next Wednesday, 18 February. He also indicated that he has worked out some essential visual aids.

**IV. SPECIAL**

1. *the chief of staff*  
Addressed the Command and Staff School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, on Friday, 6 February. *A special report is being made on this subject.* ✓

2. A VIP briefing was given on Tuesday, 10 February, to six consultants.

3. On Wednesday, 11 February, a special VIP briefing was given to Brigadier General John M. Willems, Deputy G-2. ✓

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lcc: Chief, Plans and Policy Staff, OTR

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